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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

For years I was stuck with Comcast -- they had a de-facto monopoly on high speed internet in my area. Their customer service was terrible and their fees were outrageous (and raised almost every year). They play games with contracts, discounts, and packages. It was a headache I had to bear for over a decade.

Then Sonic began offering fiber in my neighborhood, thanks to their ability to access UNEs. I signed up immediately, and for half the price of Comcast I more than tripled my internet speeds. (Not to mention Sonic's truly patriotic stance on privacy, unlike other companies who want to track every data point possible in order to further monetize their own customers.)

This is how the market should work -- freedom of choice for the consumer, with companies competing to provide the most compelling service at the most attractive price points.

Please don't stifle competition. Let other carriers continue to access UNEs. In a fair market, the best service will win. If you change the rules to favor the few, you are further entrenching regional monopolies and doing everyone -- EVERYONE -- a disservice.

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